

Portland  
14 March 1877

Dear Mr Garrison

Thanks for copy of  
The Traveller with your  
letter to Beaine, which  
I approve thoroughly.

I was taken not a  
little aback when I  
saw it announced that  
the Pres't. intended to  
put the rebel Gen'l. John-  
son at the head of the  
War Department! I  
really hope the new  
attempt to pacify and

conciliate "our South-  
ern brother" the negro  
killers - may be suc-  
cessful. Whether that  
policy has failed. I  
think I know the rebels  
well - and have seen  
that forbearance, mag-  
nanimity are mistaken  
by them for cowardice.

I think Mr Hayes is  
thoroughly upright - that  
he appreciates justly  
the great dignity and  
importance of his po-  
sition - and that he

does not regard his  
great office as a per-  
sonal property to be  
managed for the benefit  
of himself and his rela-  
tions - but as a sacred  
public trust, to be ad-  
ministered only in the  
public interest.

We have narrowly es-  
caped a great peril, and  
I trust a kind Providence  
will bring us  
safely through many  
remaining dangers.  
I am most truly yours  
Neal Dow

MS. A. 1.2 v. 39, p. 16 P4